two functionaries of the Andhra Pradesh Freedom Fighters Organisation have alleged that there are as many as 4000 bogus freedom fighters in the State getting pension from the Government and enjoying all the perks.

The Central Government sanctions freedom fighters' pension in a case on the basis of the documents produced by the applicant and the recommendation of the concerned State Government. It is made clear in the sanction letter that pension is subject to review and can be cancelled/ modified, without any further notice, if it is established that the same was obtained on mistaken grounds or false information. Complaints received are enquired into through the concerned State Governments and their agencies, as also through the Central investigating agencies, wherever considered necessary. So far, pension has been suspended in 2886 cases and cancelled in 1316 cases. A statement indicating the position, Statewise, is enclosed.

Statement

State-wise position of suspended/cancelled cases freedom fighter pension

SI. No.	Name of StatcUT	Number of cases	
		Suspended	Cancelled
1.	Andhra Pradesh	101	4
2.	Bihar	624	180
3.	Goa	9	9
4.	Haryana	15	22
5.	Himachal Pradesh	0	2
6.	Karnataka	570	261
7.	Kerala	720	61
8.	Madhya Pradesh	55	61
9.	Maharashtra	227	36
10.	Meghalaya	7	13
11.	Orissa	12	85
12.	Punjab	101	26
13.	Tamil Nadu	15	81
14.	Uttar Pradesh	228	222
15.	West Bengal	191	214
16.	Delhi	2	26
17.	Pondicherry	9	13
	TOTAL:	2886	1316

Cost-Benefit Analysis of Grain Handling by Ports

*351. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any cost-benefit analysis of the economies involved in handling grains in the Major Ports has been done; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the name of the organisation which conducted the study?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Kandla Port Trust has obtained a Techno Economic feasibility report from the Design and Consultancy, Pune, Ministry Defence regarding construction of an additional berth with mechanised handling system for export of l.5 million tonnes of grain per year in bulk from Kandla. No final decision has been taken yet by the Port.

Tenders for conversion of National Highway No. 8 into Four-lane Highway

*352. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of inviting tenders for converting the Ankleshwar-Mumbai stretch of National Highway No. 8 into four-lane Highway has been completed;

(b) whether tenders have since been invited;

(c) if the tenders have not been invited, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the works proposed to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) National Highway No. 8 from Ankleshwar (in Gujarat), km. 207/6 to Gujarat border, km. 381.6, has a length of about 174 kms. Out of this length,